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SUBJECT: WB/G SITREP: SETTLERS INJURE PALESTINIAN GIRL IN
HEBRON -- MAY 11, 2005 (1300 HOURS LOCAL)

This is a joint ConGen Jerusalem/Embassy Tel Aviv cable.

1. (SBU) Summary: Settlers in Hebron beat and lightly injured a Palestinian girl May 10. Also on May 10, the IDF arrested three Fatah activists in Zawata village, near Qalqiliya, and four Palestinians in Yatta, south of Hebron. Israeli police shut down two PA election registration centers in East Jerusalem on May 10 and confiscated the registration rolls. In Gaza, militants fired one mortar shell towards Neve Dekalim May 10, and launched a total of four shooting attacks on IDF outposts in the Gush Katif settlement bloc overnight May 10-11. End Summary.

West Bank

2. (SBU) ATTACKS/SECURITY:

-- Deaths: Nil.

-- Injuries: Settlers in Hebron beat and lightly injured a Palestinian girl May 10, according to Palestinian sources.

-- Arrests: The IDF arrested three Fatah activists in Zawata village, near Qalqiliya, on May 10, according to Palestinian sources.

-- Arrests: The IDF arrested four Palestinians in Yatta, south of Hebron, on May 10, according to Palestinian sources, who said the four were in possession of handguns and ammunition.

-- Closures: The IDF imposed a near-complete closure of the West Bank for Palestinians on May 11, lasting until May 15.

3. (SBU) POLITICAL DEVELOPMENTS:

-- Israeli police shut down two PA election registration centers in East Jerusalem on May 10 and confiscated the registration rolls.

Gaza

4. (SBU) ATTACKS:

-- Deaths: Nil.

-- Injuries: Nil.

-- Mortars/Rockets: The IDF reported that Palestinian militants fired one mortar shell towards Neve Dekalim May 10.

-- Shootings: The IDF reported that Palestinians launched four shooting attacks at IDF outposts in the Gush Katif bloc overnight May 10-11.

-- Explosions: The IDF reported that the IDF found and safely disposed of an IED near Kissufim Crossing May 10.

5. (SBU) BORDER CROSSINGS:

-- Route Four (Salahadeen Road), the main north-south traffic artery, was open May 11, with a major detour at Netzarim Junction.

-- Erez Crossing was closed May 11.

-- The Erez Industrial Zone was closed May 11.

-- Sufa Crossing was closed for Palestinian laborers May 11, but was open for the import of aggregates used in construction.

-- Karni Terminal was open May 11.

-- Rafah Terminal was open for arrivals and departures May 11, with periodic closures throughout the day, according to UNRWA.

-- Tel al-Sultan checkpoint was closed May 11. Toufah checkpoint was open for residents of al-Mowassi, except males aged 16-30.

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